



# EU REPORT

## European Academy of Paediatrics

### AT A GLANCE: HIGHLIGHTS

**European Commission adopts work programme for 2016 in the context of the EU's health programme 2014 - 2020** - The programme for the current year includes funding opportunities in priority areas, such as: health of refugees and other migrants; tackling antimicrobial resistance; support to EU countries to quickly response to health crisis; establishment of European Reference Networks, and cooperation on eHealth and Health Technology Assessment (HTA); etc. Read [more](#).

**Call for applications:** Call for highly specialised healthcare providers to establish European Reference Networks (ERNs). These networks will help to tackle complex or rare medical conditions that require highly specialised healthcare and a concentration of knowledge and resources. An information day will be organised in Brussels on 7 April to help candidates with the technicalities. Deadline for applications: 21 June. Read [more](#).

### INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Health care for refugees** - An exchange of views between the European Parliament's ENVI Committee and the European Commission took place during the latest committee meeting in March. As a result, it was concluded that the European Union Member States are faced with a pressing need to address, among other issues, the resulting public health consequences. The challenges for public health authorities relate to migrants' individual health problems, whether these affect the resident population, and how to respond adequately to their needs, including providing access to healthcare. The risk of an outbreak of infectious diseases resulting from the arrival of migrant populations is extremely low. (No more public information available at this stage. Details will be provided in the April EU Report).

### BRIEFINGS

**Rare diseases** - On the occasion of the Rare Disease Day (29 February), the European Commission published a short overview of the initiatives and work carried out until present date on the topic. Read [more](#).



**Zika epidemic** - New information regarding the latest developments on the outbreak of the Zika virus disease is available, including: (i) funding by the EU to support research on Zika; (ii) interim guidance for healthcare providers. Read [more](#).

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## OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST

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**Bertelsmann Stiftung** - “Video consultations: an effective tool for outpatient care”: Report on benefits, challenges and the potential for effective application. Read [more](#).

**European Parliamentary Research Service** - “Poverty in the European Union. The crisis and its aftermath” (March 2016). It includes recent statistics on poverty and social exclusion in the European Union, also on child poverty. Report [here](#).